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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of that document is also enclosed.

The listed document was first cited, in any foreign counterpart of the present application, in an Office Action Report issued in the People's Republic of China, in a corresponding P.R.C. patent application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. A copy of that January 2, 2004, Office Action Report and an English translation thereof are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

While no fee is believed to be due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, any fee that is deemed to be due may be charged, and any overpayment should be credited, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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